ELABORATE TRAINING OF A SPEAKER

Long Windedness Cultivated as a Fine Art. The Decline Due to the Diffusion of Cheap Literature Good Speaking as Important

In antiquity the training of an orator the whole man, phy-d moral, was carefor the great business y held a large place, or voice driller, was ecessory, not only of hool of oratory, but of many orators. Of the methods of the the classical writers that, e cessed his professional brethren more recent days, he was not disinclined to magnify his office. Seneca, in one of his letters, warns his friend against living, vocally speaking, in subjection to his phonascus, and implies that he might as well keep another artist

to superintend his walking. In our own

day the phonascus still survives in pub-

to life, though perhaps more as a lux-

mry than an acknowledged necessity. SIX HOUR SPEECHES. A celebrated novelist, dramatic author and orator, who passed over to the great majority many years ago, used always to put himself under the guidance of a vocal mentor before delivering a speech. Every tone, every pose and every ges-ture was carefully prepared and industriously practiced, under the direction of Mr. Frederick Webster, brother of the celebrated comedian, Benjamin Webster. That the elaborate training of the encients was eminently successful is shown by the powers of endurance which it is clear they must have pos-sessed. They habitually spoke for five or six hours, and even longer, and, in order to appreciate their staying power, the must be remembered that they spoke in the open air, amid all the tumult of the forum, which was capable of holding 80,000 people, and with an amount

of vigor of action of which the gesticu-

lations of an Italian preacher are but a Longwindedness was at one time cultivated as a fine art by Roman orators, when they had to plead before a judge whom they supposed to be in favor of the other side. These prototypes of our modern obstructionists were aptly termed moratores, or delayers, because they postponed as far as possible the passing of the sentence. The abuse finally reached such a height that a law had to be passed limiting the length of pleadings in public cases to the running out of one clepsydra. It is impossible to say exactly what period of time this was equivalent to, as the water clocks of the Romans were of different sizes, and the rapidity of flow must have varied under different circumstances; from twenty minutes to half an hour may, however, be taken as roughly representing the average length of a speech under this strict system of "closure."

PRESENT NEW OF TRAINING.

If the Romans carried the culture of the speaking voice to a pedantic extreme, we, on the other hand, undoubtedly neglect it too much. It is not that we speak less but that we have less appreciation than the ancients had of oratory as a fine art, and we are therefore more tolerant of mumbling utterances and slovenly delivery. Many an inarticulate meaker, who in these days hums and haws through an hour or two of dreary platitudes, would have been hooted down in five minutes by a Greek or Roman au-

The comparative decay of orators in modern times is due to the diffusion of cheap literature; the function of the public speaker has been to a great extent made obsolete by the daily newspapers. Information and arguments on political matters, which had formerly to be supplied by ,word of mouth from the rostrums, are now served up, spiced to each reader's taste, by innumerable "able editors."

But though the necessity for what I may call professional orators no longer exists, a large part of the business of the state in a free country must still be carried on or controlled by talk, and the living voice must always have a power of stirring and swaying popular senti-ment—the collective feeling of large masses of men, which is something more than the sum of their individual feelings -far beyond the reach of the pen.

John Bright's exquisite purity of style would have made him a most effective writer, but would his great speeches, if the national heart as did his burning words thrown red hot among a living massor enthusiastic hearers?

On the whole, I think we use the voice in public even more than the ancients,

and there is, therefore, all the more reason for its being properly trained. Good speaking is nowadays important, not only from the artistic, but from the business point of view; and even for "practical men" it cannot be a waste of time to acquire so valuable a faculty.—Sir Morell Mackenzie in Contemporary Review.

Legal Bon Mots. Sergt. Murphy was the author of some excellent bon mots. When Mme. Soyer died the famous chef asked Murphy for an epitaph. She had been a lady of an arrogant temper, "and it was generally rumored that the poor cook had rather a warmer time of it at home than he had in the club kitchen." Murphy's suggestion for an epitaph was "Soyer tranquille." A physician who was thinking of calling out some one who had insulted him came to consult Murphy about the matter. "Take my advice," Murphy cided that the adoption of a locomotive confer her hand upon me. id "and instead of calling him out get him to call you in and have your revenge that way; it will be much more secure and certain."-Robinson in Bench

The Discovery of Oxygen. "Fixed air" and "ca mbustible air" had been speculated upon, and "the air that is left after combustion" had attracted attention. But the phenomena of this kind, inconsistent as they were with the phlogistic theory, had not been sufficient to overthrow it. The first germ of Lavoisier's theory on these matters was embodied in a sealed packet which he deposited with the academy in 1770. Recognizing that the calcination of metals could not take place without the access of sir, and that the freer the access the more rapid the calcination, he "began to suspect," as he expresses himself, that some elastic fluid contained in the air was susceptible, under many circumstances, of fixing itself and combining

with metals, and that to the addition of that substance were due calcination and the increase in weight of metals converted into calxes. From this thought came, after much groping with erroneous conclusions, the idea that air is a compound containing a vital part and another part, and that it is the vital part that is absorbed. The

erated acids, he calls oxygen, or the acid producer; the air that was left after combustion was azote, or lifeless. The inflammable air which, combining with oxygen, was found to form water, was called hydrogen. - Popular Science

Origin of the Term "Lynch Law." It is not generally known that the term "lynch law" originated in Campbell county, Va., before the Revolutionary war. At that period the country was thinly settled and was infested with Tories and desperadoes-too many of them, apparently, for the local authorities to adequately punish. Col. Charles Lynch, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary army, undertook to rid his country of the outlaws. He organized a force, arrested the outlaws, and having satisfied himself and comrades of conference with regard to the war which the guilt of the accused, executed them without reference to the constituted authorities. While not altogether approving of the desperate remedy for a desperate cause, the beneficial effect of Col. Lynch's action was recognized and has since been known as "Lynch's law" or

Lynch's process of meting out speedy justice extended to other parts of the country, and is a well recognized form of redress of grievances today, particularly for that class of offenses that are popularly believed not to be adequately punished by the statutes and courts of was subsequently governor of Louisiana. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Compound Fracture Cured. In 1844 a milk dealer was thrown from his wagon in New York city, sustaining a compound fracture of the neck, leaving the spinal cord uninjured, however, except a pressure, which caused paralysis until the difficulty was removed. The patient was only unconscious for a short time, forty-eight hours according to one account and eighteen according to another. At that time Dr. Watts was the head and shoulders of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The case being considered one of unusual interest

Watts was called to make an examina-

tion. Although the plaster bandages were known to the surgeons at that time by some oversight they were not used.

For hinety days the hapless milkman lay flat on his back, and for sixty days more he did not attempt to rise except by the aid of bandages under his chin and the back of his head, which were attached to pulley ropes fastened in the ceiling. Within a year from the day the accident occurred the milk cart made its regular rounds, having for a driver the man who had survived a supposed fatal accident.-John W. Wright in St. Louis

Irving's Sincerity.

Washington Irving was good natured rooms. and delighted to do little deeds of kind ness; but he was also a sincere man, and would not pay even conventional compliments unless they were merited. Once, while in London, he and a lit-

erary friend were invited by a merchant to drive to his country house and spend a day or two there. The carriage stopped at the gate of the merchant's park. The host alighted, and asked his guests if they would walk through the grounds to the house. The friend started to get out, but Irving held him down by the coat, and they both drove on to the house: the merchant followed on foot.

"I make it a principle," said Irving, when they were out of hearing, "never to walk with a man through his own grounds. I have no idea of praising a thing whether I like it or not. You and ally turn out to be in a public resort. but it is found sure enough this time. I will do them to-morrow by ourselves." -Youth's Companion.

Outrageous.

The unknown or unusual has always great weight, and the Billingsgate fishwife who was reduced to silence by hearing herself called a "parallelogram," showed a shrinking common to humanity.

"Jim Farley's been callin' me names!" sobbed a little colored boy, coming home from school one day. "What did he call you-nigger?" asked

the sympathizing mother. "No; wuss'n that."

"Blackie?" "No."

"Soot hag? Ink bottle?" "No. no!" "What was it, then?"

"He called me," sobbed the wretched boy, "he called me Ethiopian!"-Youth's

The grizzly bear is following in the footsteps of the buffalo and gradually going hence. It is now only among the most broken country of the territories that he can be found at all, and he isn't half as full of fight as he used to be.

Double Locomotives.

The Railroad Gazette calls attention to a dcuble locomotive for the Indian state railways which is a novel departure from the common practice. The design is really a permanent double header; that is, it is intended for use when the conditions are such as to require the use of two locomotives of the ordinary type, continually in tandem. This arrangement removes the necessity for two tenders, and renders easier the transmission of signals from one cab to another. There is nothing in this arrangement to criticise; it is really almost the only plan upon which locomotives of great capacity can be constructed with any approach to a minimum of weight per running foot of track. This general plan is not new in America, however. The well known William Mason, of the Mason locomotive works, of Taunton, Mass., constructed locomotives on this general plan many years since; and recently the South Side Rapid Transit company, of Chicago, while investigating the possibilities of extending the usefulness of the proposed structure in years to come, deof a design similar to the one described

The Renaissance of the Fan. ies, at which several "costume qua- was about 440,000 bales. drilles" were to be danced. Mme. la Duchesse de Berri had undertaken to in the Rue Caumartin. Vanier had collected old fans for some time as an amateur. His fans were taken to the palace;

sharpest curves without increasing the

load per running foot of the structure.-

Benefit from the Flood.

Occasionally there is some benefit derived from a flood. A small creek at Blossburg ripped up the mountain side behavior of charcoal when burning in during the flood rampage and revealed a calxes, and with other substances gen-delphia Record.

COLLECTION OF RELICS.

A LITTLE MINE CONCEALED IN THE WADSWORTH ATHENÆUM. Interesting Papers Penned in the Time of

the Revolution-Benedict Arnold's Bull's Eye Watch-A Collection of Swords and a Waistcoat That Was Pierced by One.

The revolutionary relics preserved in the historical rooms of the Wadsworth Athenæum in this city are rich and varied in interest. In the first place, the building is on the site of the old Wadsworth residence, in the parlors of which Gen. Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, Jonathan Trumbull, Count Rochambeau and Admiral de Ternay held the notable resulted in the discomfiture of the British forces at Yorktown and the surrender of Cornwallis. The plan of campaign was decided on at this conference. In outof-the-way places in the building is an invaluable mass of historical documents, including unpublished Washington letters, the Silas Deane papers, letters from Lafayette and Rochambeau, with the things a huge golden sun. A few weeks original contract with the great mar- ago a valuable black pearl was found dozen men in this city have seen these papers, which are stowed away in old boxes and chests. Trumbull's accounts the state. Col. Lynch's brother gave his of the continental army are also depositname to Lynchburg, and left a son who ed in large quantities in this bonanza of revolutionary memorials.

be persuaded to consent to the proceed- buried were pure Aztecs. He estimates 75c., 85c. and \$1.00 per doz. ing. The Burr autographs, apart from the value of the buried treasure at no These goods are worth 15c. to this business lot, are very rare at present less than \$20,000,000, but says that 25c. per doz. more than we are The gold and onyx snuff box which Gen. others engaged in the work of hunting Washington owned is not allowed to be the treasure put it at \$80,000,000 seen for fear it might prove a resistless temptation to thieves and burglars. It is inclosed in a paper box and securely locked in one of the side cases of the athenæum. The footstool of Martha the intrinsic value of the things buried Washington is allowed, however, a place by Montezuma are surpassed by their on the floor of the historical rooms, and historical importance. It has been held now and then a wearied visitor might by some that Montezuma bid his treas-The Bible and diary of Jonathan Trum- but nothing has been found. Senor ed, prices in accordance with bull, the original "Brother Jonathan," are not far from Nathan Hale's powder when a student in Yale college.

The antique basket which the noted their aid. spy used in camp, containing even now a couple of bottles, is in the case with the powder horn, suggesting that the owner used to get dry like other mortals. The Hale letters are worth their weight Benedict Arnold, and the wallet which when he was captured, are the principal nel of last week: attractions in still another case in the

worn by distinguished revolutionists is and went out last Monday to see how unequaled in this section of the country.

The list comprises Jonathan Trumbull's they had unearthed a valuable marble (senior and junior), the latter of whom quarry. Right under their feet was a was Washington's private secretary, and mine of untold wealth. The marble Israel Putnam's twenty inch blade, taken out rivals in purity and texture which saw some of the bloodiest carnage that of any of the famous quarries of of the war. The cartridge box worn at the East. It is whiter than that pro-Bunker Hill by Abraham Tuttle, of New | duced by the famous Beaver Dam quar-Haven, is unique in its way. The queer mail bag in which the first news of the battle of Lexington was carried through the Connecticut valley is snugly concealed in a spot where no one would think of looking for it, and endures old ply is almost inexhaustible. Verily we age surprisingly well.

The waistcoat worn by Col. Ledyard There is no doubt but that the quarry wold after the surrender of the garrison, on Sept. 6, 1781, is invariably sought out by visitors. A few feet from this waistcoat, which shows w'ere the sword penetrated and left the body of the gallant Ledyard, is a link from the stupendous iron chain which the Americans stretched link is three feet in length and weighs custom: seventy-five pounds at least. A piece of Washington's original coffin can be seen if desired. The bullet which was fired into the heart of Gen. David Wooster, at Danbury, on April 27, 1777, is also at appear in public, except in full armor. hand. It was removed from the fearless leader's heart, and has been kept with

great care for 112 years. One of the most fascinating bits of plate in the building is the silver cream- friends." er which belonged to the senior Trumbull. The design is light and airy, and every lady who sees it is conscious of a secret longing to gain possession of it.

Mr. Charles J. Hoadly, the state librarian, is the only person in the United States, so far as known, who owns copies of the Weekly Journal issued by the continental congress in 1779. A few copies, some of them duplicating Mr. Hoadly's, are preserved in the New York state library. The numbers owned by the Connecticut state librarian extend from April 24 until July 5. The pages in sev-May 22 and 31 and June 7. The New York library also possesses three numbers, Feb. 1, March 1 and 31, not owned by Mr. Hoadly. All the numbers were printed by David C. Claypool. They contain a more complete record of the proceedings of congress than is to be the records are very complete and contain a great deal of valuable historic information.-Hartford Post.

Not That Kind. Young Gushlee-I have an attachment -why, what's the matter?

Old Harduppe-Go on; one more won't count, anyway. Y. G.-I have a strong attachment for your beautiful daughter, and beg her to

O. H. (looking immensely relieved)-Is above would enable them to haul nearly | that all? But I might have known, for double the number of cars around the there's nothing left worth making an attachment against.-Detroit Free Press.

The United States Consul at Cairo, Egypt informs the department at Wash-After a long interval, a long period of ington that the Egyptian cotton crop of neglect, the year 1829 saw a revival in this year is estimated at 400,000 bales. the taste for fans. It chanced that a Last year it was about 340,000, and grand ball was preparing at the Tuiler- the average crop for the last ten years

Wm. Daly, of Boston, is undergoing get up a Louis XV quadrille, and was a remarkable treatment for spinal disseeking everywhere—had sought every- ease. It is nothing more nor less than half an hour's time after the lamb has where in vain-for fans of that period. a systematic course of hanging. He is been killed the fluid should be injected Suddenly some one remembered having suspended by the neck until he is alseen some old fans in the shop window most unconscious, this process being of a perfumer named Varder, who lived the only way in which the spinal cord can be properly strengthened.

A company has been organized in which the components are reduced, as in the quadrille they created a furor and harleston and will at once enter upon well as the hypodermic syringe, must were all purchased. The Duchesse de the manufacture of bagging from the be carefully cleansed with carbolic acid Berri's ball began the renaissance of the fibre of the pine straw. The factory and distilled water before using. The fan.-Louisa Parr in Harper's Magazine. will be built at Summerville, twenty- fact that it is necessary to prepare the two miles from Charleston, the land elizir fresh every time will prevent any having been given for the purpose. patent medicine quack from utilizing W. L. DOUGLAS The site is in the thickest pine forest in the State. The company have also been offered the privilege of gathering orygen pointed to the nature of that one being over four feet thick—a splensubstance and to the true theory of combustion. This new vital substance, did bed of fire clay, and a valuable bank material for the manufacture of bagging Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure the worst which, uniting with metals, formed of building and molding sand.—Phila- will cost nothing but the price of collecting and hauling it.

Relics of the Aztecs.

CITY OF MEXICO, September 3 .- Extensive excavations are being made at the suburban town of Coyoacan, at a place lying on the outskirts of the wilderness, known as the pedregal or stony ground, which in former years was noted as a haunt of brigands, and is even now considered as a resort for dangerous characters when pursued by officers of justice. The object of the excavations, which are being made by private associations, is, if possible, to recover treasures of gold and jewels supposed to be hidden there by the Emperor Montezums at the time of the for \$1.25 per set, well worth

Senor Mercado, one of the party en- seldom offered, and those that gaged in this work, is a lineal descendant of the last Aztec Emperor, Cuantemac, whose statue adorns the principal early and avail themselves of promenade of this city. Senor Mercado says that he has in his possession hiero-all shades glyphic documents which convince him that it was in the pedregal that Montezuma hid his treasures, among other quis, which insured his services to the and also an emerald near some skeletons in small sizes (ones to fours) struggling patriots. It is doubtful if a discovered in a subterranean passage. The Times' correspondent has visited

the excavations, and they are certainly remarkable, having already discovered a subterranean staircase, winding passages and vaults, jawbones and skele-A bushel basketful of old checks bearing the signature of Aaron Burr could be unearthed if Professor Trumbull could beyond question that the Indians there

The foremost archæologists here are of opinion that something may be found, drop down upon it for a moment's rest, ures in Lake Texcoco, and much has believing it to be an old fashioned settee. been done there in the way of dredging, anteed fresh or money return-Batres, the great native archæologist, is interested in this search, and people horn, which he carried and fitted for use high in authority are said to be lending

> A Valuable Discovery Near Pickens.

Some indication of the great wealth in gold. The bull's eye watch, owned by that lies under our feet is afforded by the circumstances mentioned in the folwas in the possession of Major Andre lowing paragraph in the Pickens Senti- try it and you will buy of no

Col. J. E. Hagood has had some men at work in a mica mine near this place ries near Baltimore, and will compare favorably with that put on the market by the noted Proctor quarries, of Ver- C. I. Horr. mont. Col. Hagood says that the supbelieve that Pickens will yet come to The array of dismal memorials is more the front with some new industry. interesting than such collections gener- This is no premature shout of "Eureka," when he was run through with his own will be developed at an early day. sword by a British officer at Fort Gris- Capital will not let such a chance slip We are sure of a boom this time.

Lifting the Hat.

Do our boys ever think, as they raise their bats to a lady or a girl friend, across the Hudson river to intercept the | wby respect should be shown in this British shipping from New York. The way? Here is the explanation of the

The custom of lifting the hat had its origin during the age of chivalry, when it was customary for knights never to It became a custom, however, for a knight, upon entering an assembly of Gold and Silver Watches, friends, to remove his belmet, signifying, "I am safe in the presence of my

The age of chivalry passed away with the fifteenth century, but among the many acts of courtesy which can be traced back to its influence, none is more direct in its origin than that of lifting the hat to acknowledge the presence of a friend.

When to Sit and When to WATCHES,

A man, or women either, can set a hen, although they cannot sit her; eral numbers of the Journal have not neither can they sit on her, although been cut. The numbers owned by the the old ben might sit on them by the New York state library, issued during hour if they would allow. A man canthe period in question, are May 1 and 10, not set on the wash bench, but he could set the basin on it, and neither the basin nor the grammarians would object. He could sit on the dog's tail if the dog were willing, or he might set his foot on it. But if he should set on the aforesaid tail, or sit his foot there, the found in the annual volumes. In fact, grammarians as well as the dog would howl. And yet, strange as it may seem, the man might set the tail aside and then sit down, and neither be as- Rich Jewelry in Gold and Plate. Clocks, sailed by the dog nor the grammarians. -Christian Union.

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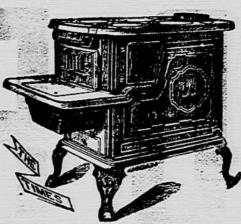
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